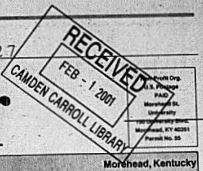




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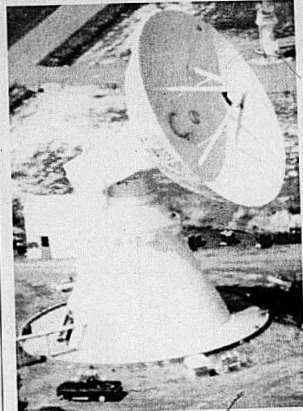


Photo Courtesy of the Morehead News

This retired NASA satellite tracking station will go back to work when it is relocated from Virginia to its new home on the MSU campus. The multi-million dollar project is expected to benefit student and faculty research as well as regional weather stations.

BY JENNIFER BROWN
SPORTS EDITOR

Students at Morehead State University will soon get the chance to boost science research efforts with the help of a former NASA satellite tracking station.

The station was donated to the university in cooperation with the National Science Foundation, according to MSU President Ronald Eaglin.

In December, the U.S. Congress appropriated \$2 million for a Small Business Administration research grant to the university for the initial phase of the project which will cover the university's cost in moving the station.

Eaglin said the university will seek additional funds to help with the project.

Support from U.S. Rep. Harold Rogers enabled the project to be expanded to include establishment of new base stations for the

global positioning systems at MSU and the Center for Rural Development in Somerset, Eaglin said.

In addition, the National Weather Service station in Jackson, Ky., will gain access to scientific meteorological data from new monitoring equipment to be installed in Somerset and Morehead.

Rogers secured the federal funding for the project in the annual budget of the Small Business Administration.

Rogers' press secretary, Dan Dray, said "This satellite is a high-tech tool and it will give the MSU students a great hands-on opportunity. It is a very high, sophisticated model."

Eaglin said "Having this satellite tracking station puts MSU in a whole different league in terms of science education programs. It will offer real life science experiences, as well as enhancing teaching methods and

advancing mathematics."

MSU science professor Benjamin Malphrus, a former NASA researcher, is currently at the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center's Wallops Flight Facility in Wallops Island, Va., training for operation of the new antenna. Disassembly and shipping is expected to begin in the summer and take several months to complete.

The new station will allow MSU to compete for the opportunity to support future NASA satellite missions.

Eaglin said the state will also benefit from the new tracking station.

"Being involved with NASA is such a wonderful thing," Eaglin said. "It will gain more potential over time, it is a great way to research, and it is no partner with other institutions in the state."

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Student found unconscious

BY JENNIFER SEWELL
NEWS EDITOR

A 20-year-old Morehead State University freshman was found unconscious Jan. 12 in her residence hall, MSU Police Chief Douglas Brown said. A friend discovered the female student in bed in Butler Hall room. He said the student was sweating and a note was found

beside the bed.

MSU Police were called at approximately 8:14 p.m. and officers were sent to the residence hall to investigate, Brown said. The student was transported to St. Claire's Medical Center and Verne Campbell, on-call campus counselor, was contacted, he said.

After a consultation with David

M. Minney, vice president for student life, and a St. Claire doctor, the student was kept overnight for observation.

Brown did not release the name of the student, and gave no information about the cause of her condition. She has since been released from the hospital.

Forums to focus on Ky. students' future

KCPE and KBE leaders will hold meetings throughout the spring to formulate plans for increasing student preparedness for higher education

BY MATT ALLEY
EDITOR

The first of several meetings between the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education and the Kentucky Board of Education will begin Feb. 4 in Frankfort. The meetings are being touted by both groups as vitally important for the future

of the education system in the Commonwealth.

KCPE Committee member George Graves said, because of the need for change in Kentucky's school systems, the joint venture between KBE and KCPE had to occur.

"It takes strong public schools to serve as feeders for Kentucky's universities and colleges. Without both groups working together change may never occur," Graves said.

Graves said KCPE wants to ensure the future of Kentucky's colleges by making sure students will be better prepared for the transition to postsecondary schools.

"We want our college system to

be competitive with other states and nationally, so we are hoping to undergo changes for the future and by working with KBE students will be ready for those changes and not be overwhelmed when they enter college," Graves said.

He said the meetings will also review finance agencies and status reports from selected public school systems and community colleges in the state.

Graves said he hopes after the first few meetings the two groups will be able to offer proposals that would later become bills the Kentucky General Assembly would vote on later this spring.

"If we find that certain school

systems or colleges need more assistance than others, then by having written proposals for the General Assembly to evaluate, it may make the process easier and faster for those schools to receive assistance," Graves said.

During the first meeting, one issue to be discussed is the problem of enrollment growth and retention that is plaguing many postsecondary institutions in the state.

"In the past, many colleges and universities have been able to solve these problems on their own by restructuring academic programs and marketing, but over the past few years it seems to be out of their control. Hopefully, a solution may be

offered after this meeting," Graves said.

According to figures recently published in MSU's Human Resources Newsletter, MSU had a 1998 estimated fall undergraduate enrollment of 6,600 which rose to 6,750 in fall of 2000.

According to the newsletter, MSU hopes to reach a projected fall enrollment of 7,000 by 2004.

Graves said MSU's retention and enrollment numbers are about average for the size of the university compared to other in the state.

Graves said, because of the massive number of items to be consid-

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Coordinator says Mountain Citizen GIS story incorrect

BY JENNIFER SEWELL
NEWS EDITOR

The Martin County-Tug Valley Mountain Citizen recently printed an article stating Martin County GIS

cal court voted to pay Morehead State University \$2,600 to add Martin County to the Global Information System.

According to the Dec. 20, arti-

cle, Martin County has linked up with the information highway, choosing to be on the worldwide web.

Kevin Calhoun, MSU geographic information systems coordinator/technician, said portions of the article are incorrect, including the misidentification of the Geographic Information System, which the article referred to as the Global Information System.

He also said Martin County will not be linked with MSU on the Internet.

But Martin County contracted with MSU to create a base map like other counties, such as Lawrence County, who do not have a GIS program of their own.

GIS is information about an individual's world through points shared between agencies, Calhoun said.

He said creating a base map of structures and roads will help utility companies and various other local businesses.

Calhoun said small points, such as fire hydrants, power lines and

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Students site problems with telephone system

BY CHRIS WITHROW
STAFF WRITER

During the Christmas break workers from Information Technology replaced the central telephone router switch and converted campus residence halls from a digital to an analog telephone system.

According to Beth Patrick, assistant vice president for IT, the change was necessary because the vendor of the switch, Intecom, discontinued the old switch the university used. Spare parts for repair and maintenance of the old switch are no longer available.

"The new switch is the Cadillac of phone switches," Patrick said.

She said the decision to convert residence halls to analog was an attempt to expand student services and reduce operating costs for the university.

Students now have access to dial-up Internet service and can utilize fax machines but must supply their own telephones.

Some students have reported problems from the overhaul of the telephone system, such as off-campus calls dropping during mid-call and the inability to dial off-campus at all.

Patrick said the problem remains unidentified but workers

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Photo by Jennifer Sewell

Rowan County seniors, from left, Justin Morehouse, Daniel Hunt, Gabe Brown, Andrew Zaheri and Chris Sparks were among nearly 1,200 people who attended a memorial service Jan. 18 in the MSU Academic Athletic Center for their classmate Colleen McCornick and Anna Courtney who were killed Jan. 15 in a vehicle accident on Interstate-64. (See story on page 2)

Four students die during holiday break

BY CARLA REDDEN
MANAGING EDITOR

Colleen H. McCormick
Ann B. Courtney

An automobile accident claimed the lives of two Rowan County High School seniors on Jan. 15.

The accident occurred on I-64 at 2:30 p.m. near the Bath/Rowan County line, according to police.

According to Kentucky State Police, Colleen H. McCormick, 17, of Morehead, was driving east in a 1992 Mazda Protege and lost control of the vehicle, striking a guardrail.

She was struck in the median and struck a westbound guardrail and a westbound 1995 Mack tractor-trailer driven by Gary L. Pettie, 55, of Columbia, Tenn.

At 3:05 p.m., McCormick and passenger, Ann Burke Courtney, 17, of Morehead were pronounced dead at the scene by Bath County Coroner Robert Powell.

Pettie was taken to St. Claire Medical Center, where he refused treatment for minor injuries, Kentucky State Police said.

All occupants of both vehicles involved in the accident were using safety belts, according to police reports.

McCormick was the daughter of

Allen Keith and Beverly Hudson McCormick, MSU assistant vice president for residence.

She was a member of the speech and academic teams, the Faith Presbyterian Church and a participant in the Governor's Scholar Program.

McCormick was also a recipient of a Presidential Scholarship at MSU.

Private burial services were held Jan. 18 at Brown Cemetery near Northcutt and Son Home for Funerals.

She was the daughter of Paul Daniel and Anne Barnett Courtney of Morehead.

She was a member of the Rowan County speech, tennis, and soccer teams, the Beta Club, and the Catholic Youth Group.

Courtney also participated in the Governor's Scholar Program.

Funeral arrangements for Courtney were made for Northcutt and Son Home for Funerals and held Jan. 18 at Jesus Our Savior Catholic Church.

Burial took place at Brown Cemetery.

Approximately 1200 people attended a joint memorial service for the two Rowan county seniors held at MSU's Academic-Athletic Center on Jan. 18.

Lauren A. Swin

An MSU freshman died in a motor vehicle accident on Dec. 28.

According to Kentucky State Police, Lauren Ashley Swin, 18, of Salt Lake, was driving a 1999 Acura outboard on KY 211 at 12:05 a.m. when she veered off the road.

Swin struck a tree, then traveled further before striking another large tree, where the vehicle was halted.

Swin was not wearing a seat belt, according to Kentucky State Police reports.

Swin was pronounced dead at the scene by Bath County Coroner Robert Powell.

Swin was the daughter of MSU Coordinator of Athletics Steve Swin and MSU Financial Aid Counselor Rhonda Swin.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 30 at Richardson Funeral Home in Owensville followed by burial at Jones Cemetery in Salt Lake.

William L. Thompson

As MSU student and Fleming County volunteer firefighter died while responding to a fire on Jan. 12.

William L. Thompson, 21, a member of the Hillsboro Fire Department, was operating an International fire tanker on KY 154 near Ringo Mills on his way to a brush fire around 3:20

p.m. when he lost control of the vehicle, according to Kentucky State Police.

The vehicle left the road and struck a utility pole before overturning.

Fleming County Deputy Coroner Gary Workman pronounced Thompson dead at the scene.

Seat belt use during the accident has not been determined.

Thompson is the son of Hillsboro Fire Chief William Allan and Carol Louise Thompson.

Thompson was a graduate of Fleming County High School and was a senior agriculture education major at MSU.

Thompson was preparing to begin his student teaching at Montgomery County High School.

Burial was on Jan. 17 at Hillsboro Cemetery with full firefighter's rites following funeral services provided by Hutton Funeral Home in Hillsboro.

An MSU agriculture scholarship fund has been set up by Thompson's family in honor of their son.

Contributions may be sent to Peoples Bank of Fleming County, 106 S. Main Cross, Flemingsburg, KY 41041.

Police Report

Lysander Waters, 18, 403 Wilson Hall, was charged with fourth degree assault Jan. 16, at 12:06 a.m. in Wilson Hall. R. Abner was the arresting officer.

Anthony Arnold, 21, 501 Alumni Tower, was charged with nonpayment of fines Jan. 16, S. Bentley was the arresting officer.

Timothy Gillispin, 19, 116 Wilson Hall, was charged with alcohol intoxication Jan. 17, at Mignon Hall. S. Bentley was the arresting officer.

Elizabeth Rowe, 20, 431 Butler Hall, was charged with theft by deception Jan. 25. E.M. Salley was the arresting officer.

B. Knowles, 19, 318 Cooper Hall, came to MSU police department intoxicated and was charged with alcohol intoxication Jan. 25. S. Bentley was the arresting officer.

Shane Crow, 19, Gilley Apartments, Apartment #2, was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana Jan. 29. E.M. Salley was the arresting officer.

KET to webcast Ky. general assembly

BY MATT ALLEY
EDITOR

After a successful year of providing videotream coverage of the Kentucky General Assembly in 2000, Kentucky Educational Television will also be covering the 2001 session.

Anyone with Internet access and interest in Kentucky's legislative process will have the opportunity to watch live coverage of the daily sessions commencing on February 6.

Viewers can access the videotream coverage by logging on to <http://www.ket.org/leg> during the session.

Virginia G. Fox, KET executive director and CEO, said the web venture is an important service in making government accessible to Kentucky citizens.

"KET feels everyone should be involved in the legislative process and this endeavor will enable them to see first hand the process works, instead of waiting for daily results in newspapers and on television," Fox said.

Fox said Kentuckians are becoming more actively involved with politics and KET is doing its part to provide them with coverage of events like the General Assembly which impact their world.

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GIS from front

railroads, may be included on a base map.

He has discussed plans with Martin County to build a base map of county roads and creeks.

But plans have not been finalized, Calhoun said.

"We are still trying to assess the needs of Martin County," Calhoun said.

Phones from front

"We hope to have the problem resolved before this article goes to the presses," Patrick said.

She said, to avoid falling behind on answering student problems, Information Technology brought in Techniplan.

Many students have also reported the Caller ID feature does not work on their telephones.

"We have no choice but to apologize to the students," Patrick said.

She said a miscommunication

NASA from front

The station was built about 30 years ago and was in use until the mid-1990s, Eaglin said. It measures about 60 feet across and is nine stories high, he said.

Eaglin said the location of the new satellite station is still under consideration.

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EDITORIALS

Communication Dept. needs funds for equipment

MSU Communication students still in school at the beginning of the 2002 school year will have something to shout about. They will be the first students to take classes in the new and much improved Breckinridge Hall.

Students and faculty are eagerly anticipating the move into the new building. The centralized location of classes and faculty offices will mean no more tramping all over campus for lectures and labs in a half dozen different buildings. Students who take part in co-curricular activities such as Newscaster, The Trail Blazer, MSU Theatre and the Speech Team, will have more room and better facilities than in the current, temporary Waterfield dorm room locations.

However, when students and faculty enter the new building and see much of the same old broken down furniture, equipment and computers with outdated software, some will be angry and disillusioned — and well they should be.

The state allocated \$1.2 million for equipment and furniture for the new Breckinridge. Faculty members in the department were asked to submit three lists of supplies and equipment they will need to effectively teach their classes. The lists ranged from the best equipment money can buy to a list containing the most basic, minimum needs. The most basic list totaled \$900,000 with the assumption a lot of old furniture and equipment will remain in use and some established needs will simply not be met.

And this figure did not include the needs of the foreign languages department and WMKY, which will also be housed in the building and whose equipment and supplies must also be bought from the \$1.2 million.

The Communication Department is currently surviving using equipment that has been repaired, spliced, glued, taped and otherwise patched together; ancient software that most businesses have forgotten ever existed and an inadequate number of computers and printers that work only when they feel like it.

Many high school students who visit the department note that they use much more modern equipment in their high schools than is available to students in the Communication Department.

There are also several pieces of equipment, in all areas of the department, that have been broken for a long period of time because the university does not fund repair and replacement of most of the equipment necessary to teach modern communication studies.

This is unacceptable. Administrators must find ways to budget more money to meet the equipment needs for modern, effective teaching. MSU students cannot be expected to compete for jobs in the real world with other communication students who have been trained on the most up-to-date and finest equipment.

The old saying "Beauty is only skin deep" applies to buildings too. What's the use of having a new building that will be beautiful and modern on the outside but ill-equipped on the inside?

And administrators wonder why MSU loses so many students ...

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Commentary

MSU in the dark — campus needs light

BY EMILY B. MOSES

OPINION EDITOR

Bitter feelings toward the university found me not long after I returned to campus on January 15.

Like many of you may have disregarded the fact that classes began the following day, I too stayed out a little late on my first evening back visiting friends and playing catch-up.

I can't recall the exact time I returned to campus, though it was sometime after midnight.

As I expected, I found the parking lots closest to my residence hall jam-packed with cars. So, instead of parking "illegally" I drove around until I found a space somewhere around the football field. I decided to walk.

After all, it wasn't cold. Remember, the week preceding our return was unusually warm for January?

Though we all have reason to be frightened of walking alone on campus or anywhere else late at night, (hasn't that said?) I was not. There were several people out that evening with screaming distance.

However, as I began to walk to my residence hall I noticed something that, by the end of my walk, made me quite angry.

Our campus is poorly lit. I found myself, several times, walking out of the low-glow of our dim street lamps and into complete darkness. And that's just from the football field to Cartmell Hall!

There is one parking lot on cam-

pus, a gravel lot close to the football field, that has no lighting at all. The parking area on the hill around WMKY is extremely dim in spots, as is the entire street behind University Boulevard, where many students fellowship at various campus religious organizations.

I could go on. I haven't even mentioned the street that leads from Alumni Tower to Nunn Hall or from the black holes surrounding our campus buildings, like the area between Radt and Grigger Halls.

I could go on, but I am sure these have fallen on deaf ears many times in the past.

There is a simple solution to this problem — more streetlights!

I don't know who is responsible for the purchase and installation of lighting on campus. But I would assume, as I often do, our administration might be able to help us out. It would be unacceptable for any department of administration or government, be it campus, city or county, to say there are insufficient funds for better lighting. I would hope that all administrations allot funds in their budgets for our safety.

I am equally sure our Student Government Association could help find a solution.

I can only hope that in the near future someone will acknowledge the campus lighting problem and do something to ease student fears.

'Hal Country' citizens are being duped

BY MATT ALLEY

EDITOR

Recently U.S. Congressman Hal Rogers acquired funding for Morehead State University to help purchase a satellite tracking system and everyone seems to be hailing this as a major accomplishment for the university and the state. But from someone who has followed the congressman's political career, it seems like just another public relations move.

Hal Country. Throughout every Eastern Kentucky town those words echo and praises for Congressman Hal Rogers seem to be constantly recorded by the press. But in the eyes of many who have lived in Hal Country, the accomplishments of the lifetime politician are a farce.

Rogers began his career comes when all it took to get elected was to shake a few hands and make promises for the future.

Rogers jumped on the bandwagon President Lyndon Johnson started riding in the mid-1960s, when Johnson visited several rural counties in Eastern Kentucky and declared war on poverty.

Every election year Rogers promised his people change would come and one day the people of Appalachia would reap the benefits of a prosperous economy. For 35 years Rogers has been saying those words and Eastern Kentucky is still waiting.

Some Eastern Kentucky counties did experience an economic boom in the late 1970s, but the only people who benefited were owners of coal companies, road construction crews and Rogers himself. The money failed to trickle down as Rogers promised.

How does Rogers keep getting elected if he doesn't do anything for the blue-collar working people? He

is a master of public relations.

Before every election Rogers manages to hobble down from his ivory tower and look for ways to use the press to his advantage. The cronies he has managed have the newspapers cover his every move when it comes to visiting little old ladies in nursing homes, picketing with the United Mine Workers of America during labor strikes and sitting on the front porches of hard working normal folks and drinking a cup of coffee.

The people eat it up pages with empty pabulum about what a wonderful man he is. I've lived in eastern Kentucky for 26 years and experienced every aspect of Hal Country. There are no jobs and the poverty of the region has been decimated because Congressman Rogers exposed any form of regulating the mining industry. The school systems of Eastern

Kentucky lag far behind state and national academic standards and little funding is provided from federal levels for those schools, something Rogers has promised to get every election.

The buzz in Frankfort is Rogers will run for governor when Paturo's term is up and Rogers is trying to get as much press as he can so he can win the central and western parts of the state. Funny how the MSU satellite tracking system acquisition is being spun as a benefit for the entire state and how all the praise should go to Rogers.

Probably as long as voters choose image over substance, the people of Hal Country continue to feed on Rogers' empty promises and allow this preshag to remain in the spotlight!

Probably as long as voters choose image over substance,

CAMPUS COMMENT

How would you assess night-time lighting on the MSU campus?



Catherine Hein
Freshman
Business
"They should be brighter so no one will worry."



Tim Bess
Sophomore
Art
"It doesn't bother me but for safety reasons it should be better."



Janet Jackson
Senior
Education
"It isn't as bright as it should be especially after night classes. There needs to be more light posts because it is dangerous."



Joan Chua
Senior
Electronics
"They need more light. Some places feel real dark."



Duane Irvin
Freshman
Undeclared
"The lighting is fine."

CAMPUS LIFE

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Entertainment affects style and attitude Students respond to changes in pop culture

BY DIANNA LEE
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

The times, they are changing. As a generation raised with various mediums of entertainment, young adults today are expressing their individualism the way their parents and grandparents may have years ago.

The mid-60s symbolized a "hippie" sense of style so many individuals achieved through self-expression. The '70s further promoted fun and fashion through what is now referred to as the disco era. Attitude and big hair made the 80s an unforgettable decade. And the '90s have ultimately led fashion to where it is today — a combination of these generations.

Trends and fads may come and go, but fashion is something that may never go out of style.

Laura Sullivan, a junior art major, says she thinks young adults depend more on styles and new trends in the entertainment industry rather than creating styles based on their own ideas and interests.

"I think younger adults are definitely affected by the entertainment industry. You can see it in the way they are dressing and acting today," Sullivan says.

Amy Smith, a junior pre-pharmacy major, says the media especially affects young girls and, most of the time, these effects are negative.

"Magazine models are usually touched up, and a lot of young girls actually try to imitate them," Smith says.

Smith says fashion is important to several young adults, but being dangerously thin and scantily dressed are not necessarily what fashion is about.

"Smith says tips on hairstyles and clothing are of interest to her, but the prevalence of nudity in the

media is not.

"Someone can look and act sexy and still have on clothes," Smith says.

Michelle Hall, a junior education major and roommate of Smith, says Smith has a great sense of fashion and is honest with anyone who

sign programs such as *E!* and *The Learning Channel's A Makeover Story*.

"I think all of television deals with style in one way or another. Even the characters on television represent some of the best styles right now," Smith says.

hobby for them. But the media can go overboard with fashion and that can cause unwanted negative effects," Coyle says.

Coyle says he feels television shows do not have as much of an effect on young adults as music does.

and Structure.

Coyle says he shops at least twice a month and usually spends "way too much" money on clothes.

When he is not shopping, Coyle says he enjoys reading fashion magazines including *International Male*, *Abercrombie & Fitch*, and *GQ*.

Senior recreation major Trinity Shepherd says style is simply of no concern to him.

"I just want to be comfortable," Shepherd says.

Senior graphic design major Paul Jason Daniel says he may shop at most once or twice every two years and does not particularly enjoy reading any fashion magazines. When Daniel does shop, he says he usually goes to Wal-Mart or Value City.

Junior art education major Dave Walker says he shops frequently at the Fayette Mall in Lexington or Old Navy.

Walker says the world of fashion has a huge effect on young adults where new styles and individual tastes are concerned.

"Fashion in the media can have a positive effect on students, but it should not have such an effect that it totally governs their buying decisions or compels what they represent," Walker says.

Walker says he thinks musicians

in the top 40 are most often mimicked for their styles and attitudes.

"Young pop stars like Britney Spears and N' Sync portray a lot of different styles, and a lot of students pick up on that," Walker says.

Although the media may often promote fashion in an unfashionable manner, some students say this does not matter.

Senior communications major Christy Pack says self-esteem is what fashion is really all about.

"If you have self-esteem and a good sense of who you are, then you should know there is more to fashion than just appearance," Pack says.

While some say Pack has a unique and personal sense of style, Pack says she gets some fashion tips from her favorite country artists, The Dixie Chicks.

Jocelyn Kanazar, a junior electronic media major, says she gets great advice about style from sorority sister Pack.

From hairstyles to clothing to language, pop culture is prevalent in the daily lives of many young Americans. Past generations effect future generations, and some may agree this generation is sure to affect the next.



Photo by Dianna Lee

MSU students display their high-top boots, one of this year's most popular trends.

wants an opinion of how he or she looks.

"If you have on a pair of tight pants or your hair doesn't look so great, Amy will tell you," Hall says.

Smith says she stays up to date on the latest and most popular styles for young adults by reading magazines such as *Cosmopolitan* and *Marie Claire* and watching televi-

Smith says actresses Jennifer Aniston and Sarah Michelle Gellar depict these current styles.

Senior psychology and speech communications major Dusty Coyle says the entertainment industry can have negative effects on young adults interested in fashion.

"People today are so interested in fashion that it's almost become a

"Popular boy bands like N' Sync and The Backstreet Boys represent a lot of the most popular styles right now," Coyle says.

Coyle says he likes to shop at what he says are some of the most popular and trendiest clothing stores among young adults today, including American Eagle, Abercrombie & Fitch, Eddie Bauer,

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Decline in users cause computer labs to alter operating hours

BY GARY TACKETT
STAFF WRITER

Students who use the computer labs at MSU are having to work around a new schedule this semester.

The Combs computer lab located in the basement of the Camden-Carroll Library has changed its operating hours again.

Last semester the lab stayed open until 11 p.m., but now the lab closes

its doors at 10 p.m.

Director of Information Technology Gary Vanmeter said the change of operating hours is due to a drop in the number of students using the labs.

Vanmeter said the number of student lab visits dropped from 6,000 to approximately 3,500 a week in the past semesters.

A user sign-in sheet at the front desk of the lab helps administrators

determine the efficiency of the computer lab. The department of Information Technology and MSU administration use these records to determine when the lab should be open for student use.

Vanmeter said he blames the decrease on the computer lease program and students bringing their own computers now that residence halls are Internet-ready.

Senior education major Sonya Walters said, "This makes it even harder for me to get my work done. I work until 10 p.m. and don't get back on campus until after the lab is closed."

Vanmeter said IT and MSU administrators are attempting to better accommodate students using the lab.

Vanmeter said one example of how the labs will help accommodate students will be during midterm and finals weeks when the lab hours will be extended.

However, seats in the lab have been cut. Several computers in the lab were loaned out to an academic department which lacked the hardware to run certain programs.

There are other computer labs across campus available for students.

Charles Glover, supervisor of the Macintosh/PC lab in the basement of Rader Hall, said he is trying to help students by extending hours on weekends and equipping the lab with trained staff.

PC labs in Lappin and Ginger Halls and the lab at Carmel Hall, which is open to students 24 hours a day, have made no changes to their hours of operation.

Vanmeter said there are no plans being made right now to lengthen the library's lab hours.

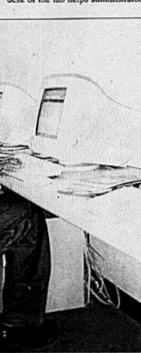


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Senior education major David Dinkins takes advantage of new operating hours in the Camden-Carroll Library lab.

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Organization promotes homosexual freedom

Students speak out on issues regarding homosexuality

BY JENNY WALLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Fear races through the minds of many homosexuals and bisexuals across the country. They are afraid of being rejected, called names, and even beaten.

"We're just like anybody else," said Barry Reynolds, president of the Alternative Lifestyle Study Organization (A.L.S.O.) at MSU.

The organization's members first started meeting in 1996, but A.L.S.O. was not officially recognized until 1998.

Reynolds said A.L.S.O. began as a safe haven where someone who felt rejected could turn to for a listening ear and a place to belong.

"A.L.S.O. is a place where you can be who you are and not be a second person," Reynolds said.

He said many people are stereotypical of what a homosexual looks or acts like.

"Appearance is everything to peoples' stereotypes," said Reynolds.

Autumn Dobson, secretary of A.L.S.O. and friend of Reynolds,

said when most people think of homosexuals they view them as a "cross-dressing-flaming person

"A.L.S.O. is just about being equal. Students don't have to be afraid to say they are homosexual."

—Autumn Dobson, A.L.S.O. Secretary

that wants to have sex with their kids."

Stereotypes of homosexuals have caused many homosexuals or even friends of homosexuals grief and harm.

Reynolds said such an incident of violence towards a heterosexual student who was a roommate of a homosexual student occurred at MSU during the 1998-99 term.

Reynolds said his friend's roommate was attacked and beaten because he was the roommate of a homosexual.

Reynolds said he and others have been called names and in some cases discouraged for admitting they were homosexuals.

Reynolds said a friend of his moved seven times in a school year after admitting being a homosexual.

"People think if they're around a

homosexual they will become one," said Reynolds.

Dobson said she agrees with Reynolds' analysis of the way society views homosexuals, mainly because society does not understand.

"These same people make fun of and poke at homosexuals because of what they don't know," said Reynolds.

Reynolds said he estimates there is a larger percentage than most would assume.

Reynolds estimates 20 to 30 percent of students on campus are homosexual.

Reynolds and Dobson both said they can not explain the low attendance at A.L.S.O. meetings.

According to A.L.S.O.'s roster, there are 30 members in the organization but only five people attend the meeting regularly.

Reynolds said he theorizes the reason for low membership is fear of being recognized as a homosexual on campus and in the community.

Reynolds said perhaps these students fear being labeled as someone who is different.

Lance Williams, a sociology senior at MSU and member of A.L.S.O., said being homosexual is like being part of a minority.

"Until you're a minority you really don't understand what it is like to be a homosexual," said Williams.

Williams said he has received phone calls at all hours of the night from people who are homosexual and need someone to listen to their problems.

Williams said many of the problems these people face are the concerns of being found out that they are gay or lesbian.

Reynolds said many are afraid of what has happened in the past with other homosexuals: who admitted they're homosexual. They don't

want to be ridiculed or beaten for their sexual preference, Reynolds said.

Williams and Reynolds both said A.L.S.O. is a place where homosexuals can feel at home and accepted. Reynolds compared the organization to a family.

"Sometimes we need a new family because down the road we lose our family," said Reynolds.

Dobson said A.L.S.O. is a group of people who are there to listen and not stereotype.

"A.L.S.O. is just about being equal. Students don't have to be afraid to say they are homosexual," said Dobson.

Dobson said the organization is a great way to get to know and understand homosexuals. She and Reynolds both said everyone in their lifetime will have to come in contact with a homosexual.

Dobson and Reynolds encourage people to attend the meetings because it will increase awareness of those with alternative lifestyles. But they agree a person needs to understand themselves before they can understand what others believe.

"People need to first accept themselves. If they can't, they can't join a club," said Reynolds.

A.L.S.O. meets the first Tuesday of every month from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

For more information contact Autumn Dobson at dale13@collegeclub.com.

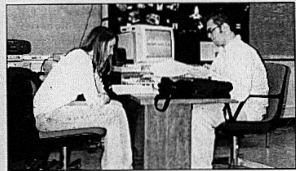


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Autumn Dobson and Barry Reynolds discuss matters in an office in the Combs Building concerning A.L.S.O. and the students who are active members of the organization. The organization serves as a support group for homosexual students.

Risky behavior puts college students at risk

BY CAMI COOPER
STAFF WRITER

College students are at a higher risk for contracting sexually transmitted diseases because of the risks they are willing to take when it comes to sexual intercourse.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, an estimated 33 million new cases of STDs occur each year.

While the contraction of gonorrhea and syphilis has reached an all-time low, the United States still has the highest rates of STDs among industrialized countries with rates that are almost 100 times higher than other countries, according to the CDC.

While most students are fully aware of the threat of HIV and AIDS, there are many other STDs often forgotten which can produce just as deadly consequences. Approximately 75 percent of women and 50 percent of men have no symptoms when they contract chlamydia, according to the CDC.

Chlamydia is a disease caused by bacteria. While it can be easily treated and cured, it is not always caught before it causes reproductive and other health problems that can produce both short- and long-term problems, according to the CDC.

According to the CDC, as many as 30 million Americans may now be carrying the herpes virus.

Each year an estimated 200,000 to 500,000 new cases of genital herpes and an estimated 4,000,000 new cases of chlamydia are reported, according to the CDC.

One of the most predominant diseases reported on college campuses is genital herpes, according to the CDC.

There is no cure for herpes, but

there are drugs to reduce the pain and length of outbreaks and to reduce the likelihood of infecting a sexual partner, according to the CDC.

On campus, the Caudill Health Clinic offers free testing and counseling for students infected with an STD.

Madonna Weathers, director of

student development, says students should feel comfortable coming to the clinic with health matters.

"All records are, of course, kept completely confidential," Weathers says.

"The best way to prevent an STD is to remain abstinent," says Weathers.

But if you are sexually active, then a condom is the best method."

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College life makes fast food a convenient choice

—BY DEANNA LEE
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

College students typically play a game of tag-of-war with time. From homework to health, time can affect all aspects of student life.

Most young adults today struggle with trying to balance schoolwork, sports practices, club meetings, family responsibilities, part-time jobs, volunteer work, and social activities, according to a recent issue of *Current Health*.

Today's young adults are busier than ever, yet they are becoming less active physically, according to the issue.

Students who are constantly on the run typically eat on the run, meaning whatever is quick or hot is acceptable food.

Sophomore elementary education major Shane Henry says he often skips breakfast and dinner when he has a busy day.

"I try to eat healthy when I can. I do watch my caffeine intake and I

try not to eat a lot late at night," Henry says.

Although he enjoys playing racquetball on a regular basis, Henry says he should exercise more than he does.

Penny Gregory, a senior social work major, says it is easier for her to eat healthier foods because she lives off campus.

associated with unhealthy eating habits, eating is a time of relaxation and fun.

Junior history major Nathan Ryver says he eats out at least six times a week, spending close to \$35 or \$40.

"I usually skip breakfast," Ryver says, "and I don't drink a lot of water or diet drinks."

"I'll eat just about anything at anytime."

—Lisa Green,
Sophomore Family and Consumer Sciences Major

"If I do eat with friends, I usually pick my lunch," Gregory says.

Gregory says because her mom is a diabetic she learned at an early age the importance of eating healthy.

Although students may admit they are aware of health hazards

Ryver says he usually has one Mountain Dew a day and among his favorite places to eat are Sonic, McDonald's, and China Star.

Kelly Carper, a junior psychology major, says she usually eats at Subway or orders a pizza from Papa John's. Carper says when she has time, she eats Pop Tarts for breakfast.

Freshman university studies major Stephanie Moore says she usually eats at Lee's Famous Recipe or O'Charley's and spends about \$30 dollars a week on food. If she eats at ADUC, Moore says she eats breakfast every day, even if she sleeps until noon.

Lisa Green, a sophomore family and consumer sciences major, says she does not make it a point to eat healthy or exercise on a regular basis.

"I'll eat just about anything at anytime," Green says.

Occasionally eating out and not getting enough exercise are a part of college life most students can relate to. However, too much or too little of what students are eating can ultimately lead to serious health

hazards many may not be prepared to handle.

According to *Current Health*, "most teens are woefully lacking in fruits, vegetables, and low-fat dairy products." Therefore, students should keep track of calories and particular nutrients, pay attention to serving sizes, and eat breakfast even when they are running late.

Dr. Brenda Malinauskas, assistant professor of nutrition/dietetics, says college students are usually under a great deal of stress, but the key to remaining healthy is working exercise into one's daily routine.

"It's a day-to-day commitment you have to make," Malinauskas says.

Additionally, there are three components to eating healthy, which are diet, exercise, and behavior modification, Malinauskas says.

"There are no good or bad foods. There are sometimes and always foods," Malinauskas says.

The "sometimes" foods include

foods high in fat, while the "always" foods include low-fat, high-carbohydrate foods, Malinauskas says.

Malinauskas says students should acknowledge nutrition labels, on foods and pack small bags of

animal cookies, pretzels, raisins, or other high-carbohydrate, high-energy foods for a busy day. For those students who mostly eat out, Malinauskas says to ask for more lettuce and tomato when possible.



Sophomore Shane Henry and Senior Penny Gregory often take a break from the day to share lunch together at ADUC.



Mignon Hall residents Kellie Hall and Hailey Emmitt take a break from work to grab a late-night snack.

Campus Events

February 2—Greek Leadership Conference
Comedian Taylor Mason;
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WMKY announces programming changes

BY EMILY BRUNTON
ARTS EDITOR

In a response to listener feedback, Morehead State University's public radio station, WMKY, has altered its format and added new programming.

Dan Conti, WMKY general manager, says the changes were made as the result of a telephone survey done this summer in Rowan and surrounding counties.

Respondents told WMKY they would like to hear more bluesgrass and other forms of traditional music.

"It's my feeling that WMKY was providing a lot of one particular art form and not enough of others," says Conti.

The time devoted to classical

music was not decreased, but was expanded to comprise 10 and a half hours of WMKY's 24-hour day.

Added to the lineup of programs are: "A Prairie Home Companion," "Americana Crossroads," "Beale Street Caravan," and the British Broadcasting Corporation's "The World."

Dropped from the lineup was the station's coverage of MSU athletics.

Some of WMKY's popular programs have switched time slots.

"Mountain Stage," has moved to Friday at 8 p.m., followed by "E-Street," at 10. "Nothin' But the Blues," has been expanded and will play from 8-12 a.m. on Saturday.

Music Director Paul Hitchcock said WMKY's primary goal is to be

true to its mission statement.

WMKY's purpose is to "Support

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—Paul Hitchcock, Music Director, WMKY.

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"We want to get people to listen.

This should be educational as well as entertaining," says Hitchcock.

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These concerts will feature regional and national talent and are free to the public.

The next concert is Feb. 16, and will feature artists, Pat Kirtley, Anne MacFie and Mother Jane. All shows begin at 7:30 p.m.

Conti says "It's the mission of public radio to provide an alternative to commercial broadcasting. It's also appropriate that this alter-

native be more reflective of the arts and culture of Appalachia, since those are the people we serve."

Conti says students now have the opportunity to host programs in all forms of music as well as news.

"I think public radio has to introduce arts and culture to its broadcast region," says Conti.

Conti says there should be a balance between education, arts, culture and entertainment programming, in order to better serve the needs of the listeners.

For further information contact WMKY at (606) 782-WMKY, 1-800-286-WMKY, or on the worldwide web at <http://www.morehead-st.edu/wmky>.

Beatles 1 documents evolution of Fab Four style

BY MATT ALLY
EDITOR

It is probably a safe bet that all but the most casual Beatles fans have their own copies of most of the songs on the Beatles' latest release-labeling opportunity. But *Beatles 1* (Capitol Records) is a compilation of every No. 1 hit the band ever had, is perhaps their best - and certainly most useful - post-breakup release.

The latest salvo in a publicity war that includes a television special and a book, the recent, excessively priced demi-autobio. *The*

Beatles Anthology, *Beatles 1* tracks the group's 27 British and American No. 1 hits in rough chronological order.

The Beatles' life span can be divided into three phases, all of which are ably represented here: *Lovable Men* ("Love Me Do" and the sublime "I Feel Fine"), *Stoner/Maharishi* ("All You Need Is Love," "Yellow Submarine" and *Post-Yoko Implosion* ("The Ballad of John and Yoko").

Beatle novices, provided they still exist, will find *Beatles 1* an excellent place to start. Die-hards

will find it a worthy look at the band's progression from a bit-and-filler outfit to — in their Sgt. Pepper/Abbey Road days — a grown-up, album-oriented and legitimate rock band.

Granted, this is a trajectory with which millions of consumers are already familiar, but since it's likely that the Beatles vaults have driven their last new track, it may be the next best thing.

Beatles 1 fulfills the name, if of course a collection of their number one pop hits. In no way does it showcase the band's brilliance,

mainly because there is not a single song on the collection from the "White Album" (a.k.a. the Beatles) or "Rubber Soul." It would have been nice to see "Revolution" or "Helter Skelter" on the track listings, but they never achieved hit status.

Although *Beatles 1* is a little too pop at times, because most of the album is filled with songs from their bubble gum era, it is still better than most of today's disposable music cluttering up the airwaves.



The Beatles

Exhibit Word/Text/Language opens

BY EMILY BRUNTON
ARTS EDITOR

The Morehead State University Art Department opened its only professional show of the season, "Word/Text/Language: Images in the Written Word," on Jan. 24.

The show is an accumulation of submitted works from around the country.

Jennifer Reis, MSU art gallery coordinator, says

"Word/Text/Language" is representative of a nationwide movement in art that incorporates text into all art mediums.

"This is the forefront of contemporary art," says Reis.

All but 11 of the 31 pieces are for sale. The pieces range in price from \$15 to \$400.

Glória DeFilippis Brush, professional artist, says, "These images are about the aura of language, the trajectories of words forming and attempting to move toward some syntactic position."

"Meaning is devised, relocated and deconstructed," she says. Language

slips, revealing and reviving, negotiating the sort terrain of ellipsis and

substantiation."

Brush has two works in the



Photo by Emily Brunton

Loose You're Luggage, by Kendra Bayer, is among the works featured in *Word/Text/Language*, on exhibit in the main gallery in the Claypool-Young Art Building through Mar. 2.

show.

The show features pieces by 17 artists and runs through March 2. Reis says because this show is a juried show, the acceptance of a piece depends upon the opinion of a juror.

A juried show has each artist present a slide of their work along with an artist's statement or a description of their work in their own words.

The submission is then judged by a panel of professionals to determine whether the piece is accepted or rejected, says Reis.

"People should come see the show not only because the pieces are professional pieces of contemporary art, but because, it's interesting and thought provoking to see how someone other than a writer deals with text," says Reis.

The show is free to the public. The gallery is open Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more information call Jennifer Reis at (606) 783-5446.

Arts Events

Jan. 24-March 2 — Art exhibit, MSU art gallery, "Word/Text/Language," Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Further Information: Jennifer Reis (606) 783-5446.

Feb. 2 — Comedian and ventriloquist Taylor Mason, Button Auditorium, 8 p.m., free. Additional Information (606) 783-2071.

Feb. 5 — Stephen Corey, poetry reading, 8 p.m. Free. Further Information: Sherri Joseph (606) 783-2136.

Feb. 6 — Benefit concert for student participant in the Kentucky Institute for International Studies, 8 p.m., Duncan Recital Hall, donations accepted. Additional information: (606) 783-2486

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PGA squad revise rules

**BY JENNIFER BROWN
SPORTS
COLUMNIST**

Even though I am a huge fan of golf, I think the PGA committee has made some bad decisions lately.

Cuey Martin, who turned pro in 1995, is suing the PGA Tour, citing a provision of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. The federal law requires "reasonable accommodation" to allow disabled people to take part in activities at public places, including recreational areas such as golf courses.

The PGA will not allow Martin to ride in a golf cart during PGA tournaments.

Martin was born with Klippel-Trenaunay-Weber Syndrome, a circulatory disorder that restricts blood flow to his right leg, leaving him crippled and causing him to experience pain. There is no doubt that, even with a cart, the pain and fatigue Martin endures between rides is much greater than that which other players endure from a full day's walking.

The PGA allows carts only on the Senior Tour, reserved for players 50 and over.

Martin, 28, says walking is not fundamental to golf and would prove a by the fact he struggles to walk, yet strikes a ball well enough to have earned his PGA Tour card. He lost it last year, due to the distraction of his ongoing court battle.

In 1998, a federal judge sided with Martin, ruling that walking is not a fundamental part of the game and that allowing Martin to use a cart would not "fundamentally alter" PGA Tour events.

A federal appeals court affirmed the ruling last March. But the PGA Tour appealed to the Supreme Court, insisting that it has the right to determine the rules for its own competition.

This year, Martin will try to win back his PGA Tour card by playing on the Bay Coast Tour. In the meantime, he is free to play in PGA Tour events if given a sponsor's exemption.

Many folks argue that the element of fatigue is part of the sport. Bear in mind, these are among the most pumped athletes, paid extremely well to play golf, with servants carrying their bags. If walking great distances at a leisurely pace makes one athletic, the malls would be full of potential Olympians.

The last thing the PGA Tour wants is a great golfer, an inspiration and role model to millions of disabled people - sitting behind the ropes, watching the healthy guys compete.

Girls squad captures national title Varsity cheerleaders place second behind Delaware

**BY JENNIFER BROWN
SPORTS EDITOR**

For the third time in four years, the Morehead State University all-girls cheerleading squad has captured the Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA) National College Cheerleading Championship for Division I schools.

On January 11-14, the MSU all-girls and co-ed squads traveled to the competition in Orlando, Fla. "We felt really confident going into the competition," said junior Heather Hardcastle. "Our routine was a lot better than last year. There were rumors that we were going to win and that made us feel really good."

The all-girls squad defeated Penn State (second place), Miami University (third place), Southwest Texas State University (fourth place), the University of New Mexico (fifth place), and the University of Michigan (sixth place).

At last year's competition, MSU placed second behind Southwest Texas State University.

"We were pretty nervous about



Photo submitted

Members of the MSU All-Girls National Champion squad are, front row from left, Stephanie Sarrett, Crystal Hardy, Sherrie Krohnemann, Ashley Poppeneheimer, Tasha Smith, Chrystin Hudson, Emily Wagner, Erin Drees. Second row, Shelly Parrott, Tammy Chrischold, April Hatfield, Tricia Burdette. Third row, Amanda Carter, Heather Hardcastle, Leslie Gayhart, Becca Corso, Mandy Ramey, Cristin Sloan, and Sarah Fischer.

the competition," said freshman Sarah Fischer. "Our coach talked to us and calmed us down before we went out onto the floor. We

watched the other squads perform and we knew we had a good chance of winning."

Hardcastle said, "I felt great that

we had won because all of our hard work had finally paid off."

The 19 members on this year's squad are Tricia Burdette, Amanda

Carter, Tammy Chrischold, Becca Corso, Erin Drees, Fischer, Leslie Gayhart, Hardcastle, Crystal Hardy, April Hatfield, Chrystin Hudson, Sherrie Krohnemann, Shelly Parrott, Ashley Poppeneheimer, Mandy Ramey, Stephanie Sarrett, Cristin Sloan, Tasha Smith, and Emily Wagner. Members who did not compete due to injuries are Erin Bachman and Mary Katherine Wasson.

Myron Doan and Christa Grizzle are the cheerleading coaches.

"The older girls on the squad really helped us younger girls out," said Fischer.

Four cheerleaders on the squad, Parrott, Smith, Chrischold, and Poppeneheimer also competed in the women's four stunt finished in sixth place.

The co-ed squad, who has won the national championship in their division 11 times, in 1988, and 1991-2000, placed second behind this year's champs, the University of Delaware.

The competition will be aired on ESPN on March 16. The title will be announced at a later date.

Eagles lose pair of heartbreakers in OVC

**BY JENNIFER BROWN
SPORTS EDITOR**

The Morehead State University basketball team lost a pair of nail-biters this past week in Morehead.

The Eagles hosted Ohio Valley Conference foe Eastern Illinois on Thursday, and fell 88-85.

Panther guard Matt Britton staked his first three-pointer of the night with just 17 seconds left to play to tie the game at 85. On that same play, Eagle guard Marquis Sykes fouled Britton, and when he made the free throw, he gave Eastern Illinois its first lead of the game, 86-85.

Eastern Illinois forward Henry Domercant connected on two free throws with two seconds left to give the Panthers the 88-85 victory.

A 4-0 run by the Eagles gave MSU a 79-77 advantage with one minute left. But two missed free throws kept the Panthers within range.

Morehead came back, making six straight at the line before Sykes missed twice with only 24 seconds remaining in regulation.

Morehead's biggest lead of the game was 16 with 2:21 left in the first half, with the Panthers trailing 42-26. The Eagles took the lead into intermission, 42-33.

Domercant, the nation's number two scorer in the nation with a 25.1 average, led the Panthers with 25 points. Guard Kyle Hill, who ranks seventh nationally in scoring, registered 22 points against the Eagles.

Junior forward Kyle Umberger led the Eagles with 26 points and seven rebounds. Freshman forward Ricky Minard, who was named the OVC Rookie of the Week this week for the sixth time in season, tallied 24 points and senior guard Greg Hendricks knocked in 15.

The Eagles shot 51.7 percent (30 of 58) from the floor, while the Panthers shot 47.1 percent (32 of 68).

MSU hosted Southeast Missouri State University on Saturday and fell 74-71 in overtime.

The Eagles had a 17 point lead, 50-33, with 12:50 left in the second half.

But with 4:32 left to play, Indian guard Antonio Short knocked down a trey to tie the game at 54.

The Eagles were down 62-59 with 1:21 remaining. But Minard connected on a three-pointer with 30 seconds left to tie the Indians at 62, sending the game into overtime.

In the overtime period, freshman forward David Allie connected on two free throws with 3:08 left to tie the game at 66.

With just 16 seconds remaining, Indian forward Drew DeMond

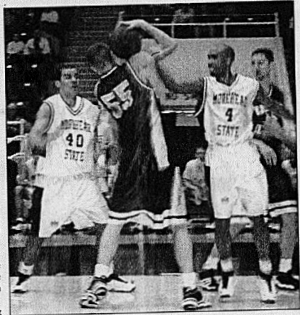


Photo by Jennifer Sewell

Senior Eagle guard Greg Hendricks (4) and freshman forward David Allie (40) try to steal the ball away from Panther opponent Jesse Mackinson in MSU's 88-85 loss to Eastern Illinois Friday in Morehead.

made two free throws to lead MSU, 72-69.

Sophomore center Iker Lopez

made a basket with two seconds to go to cut the Indians' lead, 72-71.

But SEMO guard Michael

Stokes then connected on two free throws to give the Indians the 74-71 win.

Morehead State shot 36.1 percent (26 of 72) from the floor, while SEMO shot 45.1 percent (23 of 51). The Eagles were 14 of 22 (63.6 percent) from the line, while the Indians connected on 20 of 23 (87 percent).

Stokes led SEMO (12-7, 3-4

OVC) with 26 points and Short

added 16.1.

Lopez led the Eagles (9-10, 3-5 OVC) with a double-double, scoring 16 points and grabbing 13 boards. Minard registered 25 points and Umberger added 16.

The Eagles will host OVC foe Tennessee Tech on Thursday with tip-off scheduled for 7 p.m. The team will travel to Richmond Feb. 5 to face ECU.



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MSU will be taking vans to the Eagle and Lady Eagle basketball games on Feb. 5. Sign up in the SAC office in ADUC before Friday!

Lady Eagles lose tough battles in conference

Center Tasha Gales becomes the all-time MSU blocked shots leader.

BY GREG DAWKINS
STAFF WRITER

The Morehead State Lady Eagle basketball team dropped a pair of Ohio Valley Conference games this past week against Eastern Illinois and Southeast Missouri State University in Morehead.

A 77-73 win Thursday night for EIU snapped an eight-game losing streak and ties MSU for eighth in the OVC standings.

MSU out-rebounded the Panthers 47-36, and 19-11 at the offensive end.

EIU shot marginally better 42.9 percent (27 of 63) compared to MSU's 38.4 percent (25 of 65) from the field.

At the charity line, the Lady Eagles only converted 65.4 percent (17 of 26) compared to Eastern's 81 percent (17 of 21).

On Saturday night, OVC third-ranked Southeast Missouri (11-6, 6-1) edged out the Lady Eagles 67-66. Morehead freshman guard Kandi Brown led Lady Eagles scorers with 23 points in each game, respectively. Brown hit five three-pointers in

each game and with 48 for the season, ranks her in the top 10 in MSU history.

SEMO's starting forward Lori Chase and starting center Pam Iversen both had double-doubles with 10 rebounds each, and 20 and 14 points, respectively.

MSU's only win thus far in the OVC came against University of Tennessee-Martin on Jan. 20. The Lady Eagles broke a seven-game losing streak with an 86-72 victory.

Lady Eagle starting center Tasha Gales tallied a double-double (her sixth for the season) with 15 points and a game-high 11 rebounds. Gales also had three blocks, becoming

the all-time MSU blocked shots leader. Gales' 85 career blocks in her third year surpassed Melissa Ileson's (1982-86) record of 81.

MSU forward Jody Sizemore, had a career-best 22 points for the game's high score against UTM.

For her performances in those games, Jody Sizemore was named OVC Rookie of the Week with an average of 17 points per game (22 of 32 from the field) and 9.7 rebounds per game.

Sophomore guard Travette Turner, transfer from the University of Richmond, was also honored for the week as OVC Newcomer.

Turner averaged 14 points, 5 rebounds, and 3.7 assists against Eastern Kentucky, Murray State, and UTM.

Morehead State (5-14, 1-7 OVC) next hosts the defending OVC champions Tennessee Tech on Feb. 3 at 2 p.m.

Tech defeated MSU 103-74 in the OVC season opener on Jan. 6. Tech has remained undefeated in OVC play with a record of 8-0 (15-4 overall).

On Feb. 5, the Lady Eagles will travel to Richmond to face the OVC second-ranked Lady Colonels.

Upcoming Eagle Athletic Events

February 1	Men's basketball hosts Tennessee Tech	7:30 p.m.
February 3	Women's basketball hosts Tenn. Tech	2:00 p.m.
February 3	Rifle team at Kentucky with Rose-Hulman	All Day
February 5	Women's basketball at Eastern Kentucky	5:30 p.m.
February 5	Men's basketball at Eastern Kentucky	7:30 p.m.

The university will be taking vans to both games at Eastern Kentucky. The vans will be leaving at 4:30 on Feb. 5. Students may sign up in the SAC office in ADUC. The last day to sign up is Friday, Feb. 2.

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Men's tennis team earns two wins at Eastern Kentucky Invitational

BY GREG DAWKINS
STAFF WRITER

The Morehead State University men's tennis team started its season with two wins and one loss at the Eastern Kentucky Invitational this past weekend.

The Eagles lost their opener Friday against Wright State 6-1. According to Head Coach Nik DeVore, the poor performance was due to first match nerves and a lack of preparation.

"Wright State had already played several dual matches before playing us. It's very difficult for us this time of year because we are unable to practice as a team until the weather improves," said DeVore.

"I haven't really been able to work with any of our singles players or doubles teams, and we have added several new players to our line-up."

MSU dropped the doubles point with losses at all three positions. At number-one singles, Wright State's Chad Derry defeated Eagle Benny

Schmid 6-4, 6-4. Number-two Santiago Sahagan (MSU) fell in the third set 6-4 to Quincy Jones (WSU). MSU's junior Lahiru Jayayuriya, freshmen Akihito Gido and Alejandro Hernandez lost in straight sets to their respective

opponents on the court. It doesn't matter what the circumstances are, Eddy is going to give absolutely everything he has," said DeVore.

The Eagles returned to the courts Saturday to defeat host Eastern Kentucky 7-0 and Western

Eagles.

The only loss against Western Kentucky came at the number-one position when Schmid lost to Michael Linkous 6-4 in the third set. Sahagan defeated Evalds Jurans 7-6 (7-0), 6-4.

"His (Sahagan's) win over Jurans was very impressive. Santiago was very strong mentally and physically and ended up wearing Jurans down," said DeVore.

Richelle defeated Martins Janzems (WKU) 6-2 in the third set. Jayayuriya and Gido defeated their opponents 6-0, 6-1 respectively.

"Overall, I was pleased with our effort over the weekend."

According to DeVore, the team has a great deal of work ahead of them, but should have a successful season and meet a serious challenge at the OVC title.

MSU will face Bellarmine University in Louisville on Feb. 11. The Lady Eagles open their season Feb. 10 against Marshall.

Kentucky 6-1.

"Fortunately, we were able to work through the nerves and find our rhythm against EKU and Western," said DeVore.

Against EKU, the doubles teams of Schmid and Gido, Sahagan and Richelle won 8-5 and 8-3 respectively.

Schmid, Richelle, Jayayuriya, Gido and Greg Dawkins swept the singles matches for the

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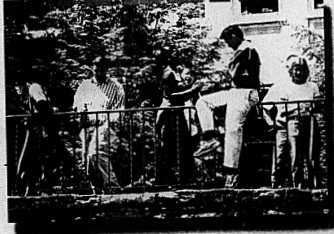
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Pitino decides not to coach at UNLV

According to ESPN.com, Rick Pitino will not be one of the choices to coach the Rams' Rebels. Pitino, who left the Celtics Jan. 9 after 3 1/2 years, had said he needed time off to think things over.

Tuesday's Boston Herald reported that Pitino now has told friends he is out of the UNLV picture.

According to the Herald, Pitino was told by people close to the UNLV situation that it is a difficult school to recruit for.

Pitino had said earlier that a possible change in his negotiations with UNLV could be the severity of sanctions recently imposed by the NCAA for allowing a booster to give money to Lamar Odom when he was being recruited by the university. Odom went on to play a year at Rhode Island, then entered the NBA.

The UNLV sanctions, which led to the firing of Bill Byrne as coach last month and the promotion of Max Good, will keep UNLV out of the NCAA Tournament this year, and take away two scholarships for each of the next two years, according to ESPN.com. The school also can't take part in outside tournaments next season.

The Herald, citing unnamed sources, said Pitino will do television work during the NCAA Tournament in March, then see what coaching jobs are available before making any decision.

McGuire dies at 72

Al McGuire, the basketball Hall of Fame coach who took his love of basketball from New York to the NCAA championship and the broadcast booth, died Friday. He

was 72.

McGuire died of a blood disorder, his family said in published reports.

McGuire had retired after 23 years as a college basketball broadcaster following a Wisconsin-Indiana game March 5, 2000. The said at the time he had a form of anemia but did not give many details of his situation.

McGuire was one of college basketball's most successful coaches for 20 years, leading Marquette to 11 postseason appearances, including an NCAA title.

He played college ball at St. John's before a brief NBA career that ended in the 1954-55 season. He was elected into the Hall of Fame in 1992.

McGuire finished with a career coaching record of 404-144, including a 295-80 mark at Marquette.

OSU players, staff killed in plane crash

Ten people, including two Oklahoma State University basketball players and six others were killed Saturday when their plane crashed into a field.

The Beechcraft King Air 200 Cessna was one of three planes carrying the school's basketball team and associates back to Stillwater, Okla., after they lost to Colorado at Boulder. No distress call was made before the crash, said Arnold Scott of the NTSB.

Among the victims were players Nate Fleming and Daniel Lawson, sports information editor Will Hancock, director of basketball operations Pat Noyes, trainer Brian Linares, student managers Jared Welberg, Kevin Welberg, broadcast engineer Kendall Durfee, broadcaster Bill Tergins, pilot Denver Mills and co-pilot Bjorn Falstrom.

Austin Peay picked to win 2001 OVC baseball championship

Austin Peay has been picked to win the Ohio Valley Conference baseball title in 2001 according to a vote of the leagues head baseball coaches.

The Governors received four first-place votes in the poll as they look to capture their first OVC regular-season title since 1996. Southeast Missouri garnered two first place votes and was chosen third. Eastern Illinois, which won the OVC regular-season crown in 1998 and 1999, was fourth in the poll followed by Tennessee Tech, Murray State, Morehead State, and

Tennessee-Martin.

Austin Peay welcomes back five starters from last year's 32-27 squad, which rallied to win 12 of its final 15 games after suffering midseason. Expected to lead the Govs offensively are sophomore first baseman A.J. Ellis, who batted .368 and was selected as a first team Freshman All-American, and senior outfielder Ben Fuller, who hit .326 and topped the team in RBIs (52) and runs scored (56). Southeast Missouri is coming off an impressive 37-17 campaign, which

included runner-up finishes in the OVC regular season and tournament. While the Indians have to replace several offensive standouts, catcher Jeff Bourbon (253, 33 RBIs) and sophomore shortstop Zach Borowiak (299).

Eastern Kentucky went 30-27 last season and won its first OVC regular season title since 1989.

Four starters are back for the Colonels, led by a pair of second team All-OVC performers-junior shortstop Kiley Vaughn (.345, 17 SB) and junior catcher Mike Schneider (.299, 30 RBI). EKU's pitching staff should be strong with juniors Chip Albright (7-8) and Scott Santa (6-5, 4.73 ERA) heading the starting rotation.



Photo by Jennifer Sewell

The Lexington Legends mascot, "Big L," shakes hands with Eagle junior first baseman Will Renaker at the MSU men's basketball game against Eastern Illinois Thursday. The Legends are the new professional baseball team and will open their season in early April. The MSU baseball team will host their season opener Feb. 17 against Spaulding University at 2 p.m.

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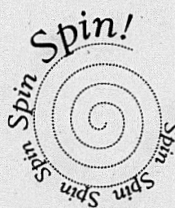


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